

Arlington Historical Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of
Tuesday, 1 March 2016
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Dianne Schaefer and Pam Meister with JoAnn Robinson, Chair.
2. Review of minutes: Minutes from January 2016 approved with amendments. Minutes from February 2016 reviewed and accepted as modestly amended.
3. Communications Received:
 - a. Vincent Fulmer historical information about the history of Kimball Road.
 - b. Sarah at the Arlington Historical Society regarding an email sent about a grant she is writing Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund through the Massachusetts Historical Commission and they need approval for the project.
 - c. Anna Nina West at 5 Lincoln Street wants a new historical sign.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
 - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report. Meeting planned in March.
 - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Upcoming lecture on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:30pm: Singing 'Round the Piano. Program held at Arlington Town Hall Auditorium. Family and community fun will be had, singing old favorites from the Civil War era to the 1950s. Featuring the Selectones, directed by Kevin Greeley; the AHS Jazz Band, directed by Sabatino D'Agostino; and the AHS Madrigals, directed by Madayln Kitchen.
 - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- A public meeting is proposed for May 2016 regarding Teel/Henderson proposed district.
 - d. ATED- Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee (Guthrie)- No report.
 - e. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Application process has started.
 - f. Historical Commission FY 2016 Budget – Nothing to report.
5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:
 - a. Whittemore Robbins House Cottage 6/13 Robinson - Nothing to report.
 - b. 1173 Massachusetts Avenue 11/14 Guthrie- Nothing to report.
 - c. 18 Robin Hood Road 3/15 Robinson- Nothing to report.
 - d. 38 Kensington Park 5/15 Stange- No report.
 - e. 61 Brantwood Road 7/15 Stange- No report.
 - f. 42 Henderson Street 10/15 Schaefer- Project ongoing.

- g. 252 Gray Street 2/16 Guthrie- Nothing to report.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson – Application to be submitted March 9. Ms. Robinson and Mr. Guthrie will assist with the application.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers: House Marker received and delivered to 5 Lincoln Street.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange –Nothing to report.

Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm- Formal Hearing 1210 Massachusetts Avenue

Dan Hisel, Architect; Katie Flynn, Architect; Nicole Campbell, Office Manager; and Donna Smith Sharp, Executive Director of the Children’s Room attended as presenters. Two major projects are planned: repair front porch and build a handicap accessible ramp in the rear.

This address is included on the Arlington Historical Commission Inventory of Significant Properties. On March 1, 2016, a quorum of the Arlington Historical Commission reviewed the proposed changes to 1210 Massachusetts Avenue. There are two proposed projects,

- 1. Repairs to the existing porch
- 2. Replacement of the existing ramp for handicap access.

Repairs to the Porch

Commissioners voted unanimously to authorize changes to the porch as shown in the attached drawings (as amended after the hearing).

The repairs will replace the existing wooden trim and other features only when the existing elements cannot be preserved. Exit sting trim and other features will be replaced like-for-like in consultation with the project monitor. Requests to replace any wooden components must be approved by the project monitor. The gutters used will be the “Boston Gutter System” K-style.

Handicap Ramp

Unanimously approved with the following stipulations. As on the porch repairs, existing features and trim will be preserved; if this is not possible like-for-like replacement in wood is required. Any other changes must be approved by the project monitor.

Commissioner Dianne Schaefer will be the project monitor.

Hearing closed at 8:41pm.

8:42pm- Informal Discussion for 3-11 Lakeview Street. Dave Lievanse, on-site super and tenant representative and Robert Pecci, contractor.

The owners did not appear for the February hearing. Abutters were notified under open meeting law. Tonight we cannot have a formal hearing.

A discussion followed regarding the need for their plan to repair the property, materials to be used, and then to determine when to reopen the hearing.

Mr. Lievanse described changes that have been made to the property:

- a. Granite landings that replaced concrete landing
- b. Roofs that offer protection from snow and rain.
- c. New windows for some of the apartments.

The Commission discussed the need to present plans to repair the mission style character of the building.

The Commission will consult with the Town Counsel about reopening the hearing.

If there are public safety issues that need to be addressed the owners can contact the Building Inspector.

All other work is under a stop work order.

Discussion ended at 9:14pm.

Old Business:

New Business:

Arlington Historical Society is applying for two grants to renovate the Jason Russell House. One is for a feasibility study and the other is to repair the gutter and fascia. The AHS has asked for a letter of support from the Commission for these grants.

Motion:

When the Arlington Historical Society applies for the grants for the work on the Jason Russell House the Arlington Historical Commission will send a letter of support. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be April 5, 2016.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.